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The second, third and fourth supplemental information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted September 30, 2002, October 31, 2002 and May 19, 2003 (Paper Nos. 24, 25 and 27) respectively, fail to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because they were filed after the mailing date of the Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 21) on June 17, 2002. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609 C(1), see also MPEP section 1210. Note that Under section 1210 of the MPEP after 2 months from the examiner's answer plus mailroom time if no reply brief has been timely filed, the application file and jurisdiction of the application are normally transferred from the examining group to the Board.

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